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it is one of the tricks or the practices of politicians to say one thing in the presence of the public and to modify that when it seems impossible to carry out what was said in public? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' Sir, I am unable to understand this kind of insinuation on the part of the hon. Member. He was also present at that public meeting which has been referred to in the question. The hon. Member spoke and said there were Harijans who were earning only nine pies per day. When I spoke, I did so in simple Tamil. I said there were Harijans who earned more than that and there were also Harijans who did not earn at all. I said it was the objective of the Five-Year Plan to raise the general standard of living to three times the present level at the least. I am really sorry that the hon. Member should have such a totally wrong impression about my simple Tamil speech and that further he is indulging in insinuation of this House.''

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—'' Sir, will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state what exactly is the wages now paid to the Harijans and other poor class of people employed in the National Extension Service Schemes? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' Sir, I have no statistics with me now.''

SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—'' கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் பதில் சொல்லும் போது ஐந்தாண்டுத் திட்டம் முடிவதற்குள் மூன்று பங்கு அதிகச் சம்பளம் கிடைக்கும்படி, செய்யப்படும் என்று சொன்னார். இப் பொழுது மூன்று ஆண்டுகள் முடிவுற்றன. சம்பளம் எவ்வளவு மடங்கு உயர்ந்துவிட்டது என்று, கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொல்வார்களா ? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' Sir, I said ' before the end of the Five-Year Plan '. The objective of that plan is that we should attempt to raise the standard of living of the people by three times; but I did not say that three times the present standard of living had been achieved.''

Harijan Welfare Committee for Chingleput.

* 51 Q.—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Animal Husbandry be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have constituted a District Harijan Welfare Committee for Chingleput district; and

(b) if so, when it was constituted and who the members of the Committee are?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—'' (a) Yes.

'' (b) The committee was constituted last in March 1951. The following are the members of the committee :—

(1) Sri O. Nagaratnam, Meppedu village.

(2) Dr. P. R. Raghuraman, Kancheepuram.

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(3) Sri P. S. Ellappan, Chunampet, Madurantakam taluk.

(4) Sri O. Chengam Pillai, Ponneri taluk.

(5) Sri E. Venugopala Reddi, District Board Member, Minjur.

(6) Sri Loganathan, Natham, Chingleput.

The reconstitution of the Committee is under consideration."

SRI M. DHARMALINGAM :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether any recommendations were made by the Committee and have the Government implemented the suggestions contained in those recommendations? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" **It is** a very vague question, Sir. If a specific question is put I will be in a position to answer."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" ஜில்லாக்களில் இருக்கும் ஹரிஜன் வெல்பேர் கமிட்டிகளுக்கு ஏதாவது ஆயுட்கால வரம்புண்டா ? அல்லது அவைகள் நீடித்துக் கொண்டே போகுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" It has no indefinite period, Sir. The period is limited to three years. The reconstitution of the Committee is under the active consideration of the Government."

Retrenchment in the City Transport System.

* 52 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to effect retrenchment in the staff of the Madras City Government Transport System; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor and the number to be retrenched under each category?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI ;—" **City Transport**-ல் ஆட்கள் புதிதாகச் சேர்க்கப்படுகின்றனரா ? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I would like the hon. Member to put a separate question. I am not aware of it now."

Death of a person under Police custody at Kozhikode.

* 53 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMY REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether one Murugesan died on the 31st October 1953 while he was in Police custody at Kozhikode;

(*b*) whether the Government have received any report from the concerned Police officials in the matter;